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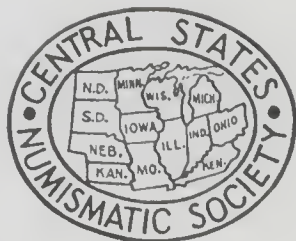


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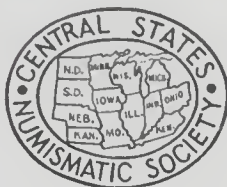
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Recent coin shows have been very successful and well attended, attesting again to the vitality and strength of our numismatic community. Among recent shows:

The 17th Annual National & World Paper Money Convention was held November 21-24 in St. Louis. CSNS board members Mericle, Jorde, Rothberg, along with Kevin Foley, were in attendance to promote our show in St. Louis next April.

The 47th fall convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society was held November 28-December 1 in Dearborn. Our board members Brandimore, Schook, Rothberg, and of course Charters in his role as MSNS president, were there as were Ray and Fran Lockwood.

We hope to have at least one board member present at all major shows in our area. We solicit exhibits and bourse tables for CSNS, as well as enlist new members, sell medals, etc.

Show promotion and education are vital parts of such attendance, as well as working alongside other numismatic organizations. The complimentary tables for our use go a long way to promote our hobby.

Your board members will be distributing quarter boards or maps during coming shows. These are directed to the YNs to attract and help to keep alive their interest in coinage and, hopefully, to have them join and support CSNS and their local coin clubs.

The CSNS archives taking shape under the dedication of our VP Marv Mericle has benefited greatly with recent donations from Remy Bourne, Al Bobrofsky, Craig Whitford and other longtime friends of Central States. Such contributions are much appreciated and will further enhance our historical and educational programs.

Our Spring '03 show promises to be the best yet, with a huge Heritage auction combining their currency auction with their always outstanding Signature sale of great numismatic material.

See you there!!

Harry Tyleston

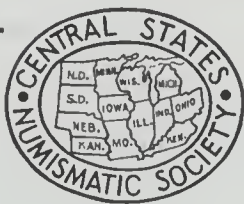
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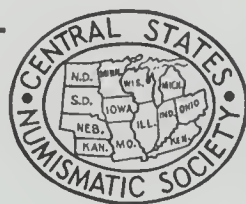
Scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., the program will take place at the America's Center convention facility, room 121.

Advance registration is required. A modest \$10 fee (payable in advance) covers both tuition and an informal noon lunch.

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Central States Numismatic Society 64th Anniversary Convention



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Jerry Lebo

Christmas 2002 has now come and gone and we're into the new year. That means we've mailed dues notices, or will shortly.

Notices go to nearly 1,300 members. Another 600 individuals are life members, and still another 100 or more are paid ahead. Traditionally, we send a second notice following our spring convention to members who failed to respond to the first mailing. Along about July 1 we purge the membership roster of all who aren't current.

Our dues structure is broken down domestically into four parts: Regular (\$8), Associate (\$5), Junior (\$1) and Life (\$125). Associate members enjoy the rights and privileges of regular members except they do not receive The Centinel. Foreign membership is now \$15, as per a board decision this past fall.

We have pretty much concluded our inquiry about life members who joined prior to 1985. We came up with a list of 85 individuals about whom we had no recent information.

After two mailings, we had contact with 68 of them, including a few who provided us with new mailing addresses. We learned another eight had passed away, leaving nine unaccounted for. These nine have been placed in an inactive file until such time we learn they're alive and we have a current address for them.

We are anxiously awaiting the first week in May when we journey to St. Louis for our 64th Anniversary convention.

For the first time during my tenure our bourse was nearly sold out at year's end, or more than four months prior to the convention. Several factors contributed to the early sellout, including a currently strong market and the fact that many people regard St. Louis as a "good coin town."

Additionally, our show has become a healthier venue because of the increased emphasis Heritage Auctions has placed on Central States. Heritage will conduct another major signature sale and its subsidiary, Currency Auctions of America, also will have a sale in St. Louis. For more information about the auctions, call Heritage at 800-US-COINS.

You're invited to place an exhibit or two at the St. Louis convention. Once again Fran Lockwood is handling this important segment. You may write to her at 2075 E. Bock Rd., Marion, IN 46952 or phone 765-664-6520; fax 765-664-6503; or e-mail franlockwood@aol.com.

Visit our web site (www.centralstates.info) for updates on convention activities. You can also link to Heritage and other numismatic sites

Incidentally, our webmaster, Bruce Perdue, says he is available to help other clubs with their web sites. You can e-mail Bruce at bdperduel@netscape.net.

Still on the subject of helping member clubs: Remember, CSNS has an ongoing program of providing matching funds for clubs that want to purchase books for their local libraries. Contact Marv Mericle, P.O. Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Phone 812-898-1260. E-mail: marv626@att.net.

We welcome our newest member club to the CSNS family: the Nicolet Coin Club of Green Bay, Wisconsin. We currently have 52 member clubs.

Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

Membership Applications

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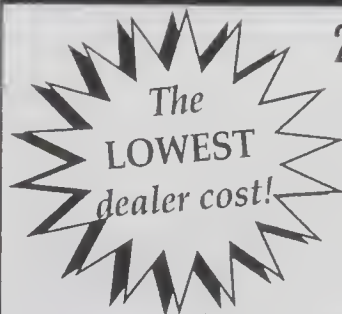
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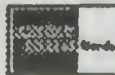
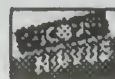


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LETTER RIP!

Returned Items Puzzles Owner

This story could not be fully told until now.

My wife and I live in a small town, Prairie Creek, Ind. We do not get our mail delivered to our home, but are required to go to the local post office (two blocks away) to receive our mail.

On the morning of Aug.6, we took our normal brisk walk to the post office. There we have a small 3X5-inch box assigned to us. Inside the box this morning was a yellow slip indicating we had a package too large to fit in the box.

Upon presenting the slip to Don (our mailman) he handed over a large No.5 padded shipping mailer. It was addressed to me (last name spelled wrong) from someone at a box number in Florida, but mailed from New York on Aug.2 (weekend of the ANA).

We could not read who it was from, and it only listed Florida with a zip code. My wife asked me what I had ordered now. I said I didn't know who it was from or what was inside.

We talked about it on the way home. Upon arriving home, I immediately opened the package to find a nine-inch long 2 X 2 inch red coin storage box. It had a clean piece of packing tape sealing the box closed.

After cutting the tape, I open the box to find it contained a large assortment of communion tokens (62 pieces). Although I have collected these over the years, I had not ordered them. There was no note, and after reviewing them, discovered they were mine!

As Paul Harvey would say: "Page one of the story."

Back on Dec. 29,1998, my wife and I returned to our home in Fort Wayne, Ind., only to find our home had been burglarized. Taken was not only my collection of coins, military payment certificates, transportation tokens, club awards, and Iowa commemorative medals, but also my collection of communion tokens.

I had maintained a fairly correct record of most of my collection, but find I did not have it on my communion tokens. Six months after the burglary, the FBI apprehended the two involved and was able to return my MPCs, Iowa commemorative medals and what was believed to be all my communion tokens. The rest of my collection was never found.

My concern and questions are many! Where have these tokens been for over two years? How did they know they were mine? Why send them back? Why not just sell them?

I am thankful to who ever the person is, and would surely like to know if they still have some of my club awards. I lost one that I look for at all the shows. It is a set of four medals from the Ocean County Coin Club with serial No. 11 on two of them. These were given to me back in the 1970s.

The biggest question: Do we now have honesty among thieves?

Added note: The thieves were tried by the federal government and each received 18 months in federal prison.

They were released and turned over to local law enforcement in Ohio, where they were tried, convicted and sentenced to state prison.

It is my understanding that when they complete the current time, they will be tried in Pennsylvania for burglary there. Hopefully they never will be back on the streets again.

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Marvin Mericle
Prairie Creek, Ind.

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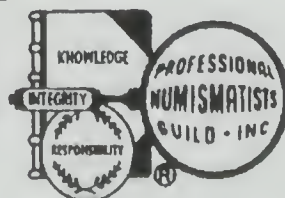


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Pride of Ownership — Pass it on!

by Robert Rhue

I perceive a major reporting issue that seems to be overlooked whenever the donation of a significant numismatic collection or item is made to a museum entity, and I will present the differing viewpoint here. I could sum up my viewpoint by re-writing the headlines reporting a new museum donation so that it reads: “Another Important Collection of Prime Numismatic Collectibles Off the Market Forever.” And perhaps a couple of subtitles reading: “A Few More Museum Donations in this Area, and Collectors will be Hard-Pressed to Ever Accumulate or Own a Significant Collection of These.” And: “Museum Makes Distorted Claims That Now This Collection Will Forever Be Available For Public Viewing and Study.”

I certainly concede the right of collectors to do anything they wish to with their property. It is theirs. They can impound it forever in some museum vault to gain a tax deduction or some other personal benefit, or temporary ego gratification perhaps (after all, the pride of having assembled a collection is, rightfully, substantial). They legally even have the right to destroy it if they wish. But I hope potential donors of large or rare or important numismatic holdings or individual pieces will at least give some consideration to the downside of forever denying future collectors the opportunity and thrill of ownership. Was it not that very opportunity to acquire and to have the pride of ownership that motivated them to collect, study, cherish and share the subject of their interest?

Would they still have been such disciples of their specialty if their predecessors had donated most of the available material to museums; if they couldn't own significant pieces or accumulations, and in fact had to travel to some museum hundreds or thousands of miles away to see or study the material?

In an attempt to acquire such donations and give their institutions status, or in some instances for one-ups-manship over their peers, or for whatever other motive, museums entice a particular donation by agreeing with the donor to put the targeted collection on temporary display. The operative word of course is “temporary.” By definition every museum has a finite amount of display space, and an ever-increasing supply of items in their “collection.” So even assuming one's rare items or collection get the “best treatment” and are in fact displayed shortly after the donation, it will be temporary — a last hurrah — before the material is relegated to join the hundreds of thousands of other items in boxes in the museum's vaults.

The museum may contend that their collection, however, is forever available for someone from the public to come in and study, whereas the public would not have such access if the same items were in a private collection. I disagree on several counts:

1. Many private collectors, as part of the “pride of ownership” eagerly share the study of their collection with others who are interested.

2. Collections which aren't donated to a museum vault usually come to the marketplace when their owner completes his collection, loses interest, or dies.

If the collection is disbursed through auction, which is often the case, then thousands of people have the benefit of "studying" the collection either in person or through one of the dozens of well written and superbly photographed and widely distributed auction catalogs which are produced annually, and which can serve as permanent reference material utilized by literally thousands who may refer to the catalogs over the years.

Additionally, the process of selling a collection into the marketplace gives new collectors the possibility of having the excitement and joy of ownership, which in itself is a strong and important impetus to collecting in the first place.

And I venture to say that collections which are "recycled" into the marketplace, even if only once a generation, are viewed, studied, and enjoyed a lot more often over a given 100 year period than 99% of items that are donated to a museum only to soon be relegated to the recesses of their dark vaults. Yes, THEORETICALLY a lot of items in some museum vaults are "available" for viewing and study by the public. In practice, you judge for yourself what percent of items in any museum see the light of day, for any purpose, in any given year.

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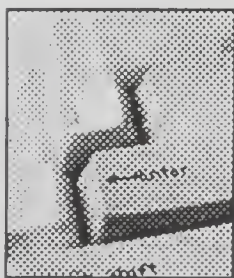
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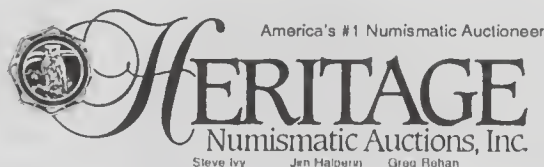
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THE LONG WAIT: AN AMERICAN LEGEND LANDS AT LEYTE

— by Doug Andrews

General Douglas MacArthur's greatest battle in World War Two was fought perhaps, not with the Japanese occupying the Philippines, but in his struggle to convince his own American peers that the best strategy was to invade the archipelago in the first place. The United States Pacific Fleet, under the leadership of Admirals Chester Nimitz and William "Bull" Halsey, argued tirelessly that the next step in the effort to eradicate the Japanese should bypass the Philippines and instead attack Formosa.

The Navy's views had support where it mattered most - with the military Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Joint Chiefs sought a way to speed up the War in the Pacific, and using the massive armada under Nimitz's command to attack Formosa and prepare for the invasion of Japan proper seemed to be the best method of achieving that goal.

But the General would have none of it. The Philippines were his adopted home, where he and his father, General Arthur MacArthur, both had achieved a level of admiration among the civilian population that perhaps neither would have enjoyed elsewhere in the world. There is little doubt that the feeling was mutual among Filipinos, who respected MacArthur and his valiant efforts to battle back against the overwhelming Japanese tide two and a half years earlier at Bataan and Corregidor.

For Douglas MacArthur, this was a deeply emotional and personal promise. He had vowed unequivocally in 1942, "I shall return," words

Five-star insignia for the rank of "General of the Army." The stars are themselves placed in the configuration of a five-pointed star.

that still echoed loudly in the minds of 17 million war-weary Filipinos.

He argued that the United States had an obligation to liberate the Philippines, which had been under United States



Philippines 1947S 50 Centavos. First coinage of the new Republic, struck in San Francisco.

administration prior to the war, and that America must free thousands of suffering Allied prisoners of war who had been marched into camps after Corregidor fell. The General also felt a strong duty to the guerilla forces fighting throughout the islands, and American honor was at stake if the battle was mounted elsewhere in the western Pacific.

MacArthur's personal attachment to the Philippines was uppermost in his mind, yet as a career soldier, he recognized that it was essential to stress the merits of his plan in strategic terms to influence his colleagues. With the debate over military objectives still raging, President Franklin Roosevelt called for a meeting of his army and navy commanders in the Pacific on July 26, 1944 on Hawaii.

These sessions at Pearl Harbor were to decide the entire future of the Pacific campaign. Nimitz and his senior staff proposed to Roosevelt that the bulk of MacArthur's army units should be transferred to Nimitz's command for a Navy-led attack on Japanese-occupied Formosa. Then it was MacArthur's turn. He eloquently presented his proposal for invading the Philippines next. He stressed that securing air bases in northern island of Luzon was essential to staging successful actions on Formosa as a stepping stone to Japan itself. Emphasis was placed equally on the strategic significance of the Philippines and on MacArthur's moral arguments.

Roosevelt listened intently to both presentations and actively challenged each participant in the talks to "prove their case." The meeting ended without the American President expressing a decision. He returned to Washington to confer with the Joint Chiefs.

MacArthur was tense and apprehensive. As he waited for word from Washington, the days stretched into weeks. On September 11, 1944 MacArthur received the answer he had been waiting for. Landings at Leyte (pronounced "lay-TE"), in the central Visayas, were approved for December 20th. Finally, this was the springboard to retaking the Philippines that MacArthur had been hoping for since he had been ordered by FDR to leave Corregidor.

The Joint Chiefs, anxious to see as much effort as possible focused on pressuring the Japanese and their supply lines, moved up the date for Leyte to October 20, 1944. MacArthur was jubilant. He promptly replied that he was targeting Luzon for December 20th, a full two months ahead of schedule.

MacArthur's planning for Leyte and beyond proceeded with breathtaking speed, even by the standards of the always ready fighting general. He boarded the cruiser Nashville on October 16th at Hollandia, which led a vast flotilla of over 800 ships destined for Leyte. It was the

largest fleet of naval vessels ever assembled, and the ships converged on the Visayas on the night of October 19th.

Numismatically, MacArthur was chosen as the theme for the first issue of coins struck for the newly proclaimed Republic of the Philippines five years later in 1947. The country eventually achieved full independence on July 4, 1946, and these 50 centavo and one peso pieces depicting a bust of MacArthur carry the inscription "Defender and Liberator of the Philippines" in English.

Laura Gardin Fraser designed these pieces which were struck at the U. S. Mint in San Francisco. Her initials, separated by dots, are located immediately below the shoulder. Fraser also executed the portrait of another famous general, that of Ulysses S. Grant, on the gold and silver Grant Memorial commemoratives of 1922.

The 50 centavo and one peso have mintages of 200,000 and 100,000 respectively. Generally they are weakly struck and are a challenge to obtain in high grade uncirculated condition.

On the Nashville laying off Leyte, the day of destiny for MacArthur dawned. For MacArthur, it was also a day of high emotion, some 31 agonizing months after leaving Corregidor by night. The General had a reputation for putting himself in harm's way during the early stages of battles, which frequently left his senior staff very apprehensive for his safety.

Leyte was another example of MacArthur's penchant for conspicuous bravery. He strode ashore while Japanese sniper and shell fire were raging. MacArthur was armed only with his father's derringer, which he carried as a precaution against being captured alive by the enemy.

As the night sky gave way to daylight, the ships' enormous guns were unleashed on the beaches, and by mid-morning thousands upon

thousands of troops stormed ashore at Dulag and near Tacloban. The Japanese responded with intense artillery fire as the amphibious force reached dry land.

The battle was fierce, as the Japanese were determined to fight to the death, and the invaders were steeled to the challenges that lay ahead. At 2:00 PM, MacArthur went ashore with Sergio Osmena, who had become President of the Philippines government in exile two and half months earlier on the death of



1980 25 Piso, silver proof, mintage 6,318. The Leyte landing shown on the reverse was one of the most famous scenes of the entire war.

Manuel Quezon.

MacArthur and Osmena, upon whose shoulders rested the fate of an entire nation, waded through shallow water from their landing craft to the beaches. Together with their retinue of advisors and senior staff, the picture of these two men arriving on Philippines soil was wired around the world. To this day it remains one of the most famous photographs of the entire war.

The centenary of MacArthur's birth in 1980 saw the Philippines strike silver 25 piso and gold 2500 piso commemoratives. Dominating the obverse is a bust of the General in characteristic pose, smoking a large corncob pipe and wearing sunglasses.

The inscriptions "1880 -1980" and "Ikasandaang taong kearawan" (one hundredth birthday) circle the bust. Starting with issuance of new coin types in 1967 most inscriptions and denominations appear on Philippine coins in the national language, Tagalog, although some English is still used occasionally today.

The reverse carries the caption "Leyte Landing October 20, 1944" and depicts MacArthur, three members of his general staff, and several soldiers from the 24th Division as they strode ashore on "Red Beach" just north of Palo. On the extreme left wearing a salakot hat is the figure of Sergio Osmena.

Back on the battlefield, MacArthur seized the moment to make a short but memorable speech as he stood on the shore:

"People of the Philippines, I have returned. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil consecrated in the blood of our two peoples. We have come, dedicated and committed to the task of destroying every vestige of enemy control over your people.

"The hour of redemption is here...

"Rally to me. Let the indomitable spirit of Bataan and Corregidor lead on. As the line of battle rolls forward to bring you within the zone of operations, rise and strike. Strike at every favorable opportunity. For future generations of your sons and daughters, strike! In the name of your dead, strike!

"Let no heart be faint. Let every arm be steeled, the guidance of the Divine God points the way. Follow His name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory."

His words were carried by radio back to a transmitter on the Nashville that broadcast MacArthur's message by short wave throughout the Philippines. As stirring and motivational as the General's words were, he was later criticized unfairly for use of the self-reference "I," and for repeatedly invoking the name of God in his remarks.

But this criticism came mainly from the United States. MacArthur could afford to ignore it, and he knew that. He was speaking directly to the people of the Philippines, and to MacArthur, that was the only audience that mattered.



Philippines 1994 5 Piso, 50th Anniversary of Leyte Gulf Landing - October 20, 1944. Several differences are evident when the rendering of this scene is compared to that on the 1980 25 Piso.

Three days later, on October 23, 1944, at a ceremony in the re-captured town of Tacloban, MacArthur officially declared the resumption of civil government in the islands, with Osmena as its leader. With liberation of the Philippines still sometime off, at least Filipinos now had a rallying point. Over the months ahead, they rose to the occasion again and again.

Perhaps with this in mind, the fiftieth anniversary of the Leyte landing was observed numismatically in 1994 with the issuance of a nickel-brass five piso commemorative. While the reverse repeats the Osmena - MacArthur landing scene depicted on the crown-sized 1980 25 piso piece, there are two interesting differences.

MacArthur's chief of staff, General Richard Sutherland; Army Air Force General George Kenney, and Lieutenant Colonel Courtney Whitney are shown similarly. One soldier behind them who was looking back toward their landing craft in the 1980 version, however, is now shown facing forward. Curiously, the two U. S. soldiers at right who appeared on the 1980 rendition have now taken on the facial appearance of Filipinos.

The very low mintage of these 1994 five piso pieces - 7,800 in total - suggests they were never intended for circulation despite their base metal composition.

On Leyte, tension in the air remained. The Japanese were poised to strike back with a vengeance, threatening not only MacArthur's tenuous grasp on Leyte, but the entire direction of the war in the Pacific theatre. To MacArthur and the experienced group of commanders around him, it was not a question of whether the Japanese would counterattack, only a matter of when and how.

It was learned after the war that the Imperial Japanese military had decided losing the Philippines was tantamount to losing the war, and they were prepared to repel the landings at Leyte at all costs. The Philippines' strategic importance to the Japanese was such that success by the Allies gaining control of the islands would effectively cut off Japan's access to oilfields and rubber supplies in the East Indies.

Japan's war planners had foreseen a massive amphibious assault and had devised an elaborate response which, reduced to its simplest terms, involved a giant pincer movement on large navy elements

approaching Leyte from the west, and circling the island to converge on the landing area from the north and south.

The plan included a re-supply and reinforcement of Japanese ground forces with a naval convoy to support a landing on the opposite (west side) of the island, and a huge diversionary naval force sailing from Japan toward the Philippines. The diversion was designed to entice Admiral Thomas Kincaid's own landing support fleet away from the beaches long enough to allow the encircling Japanese naval forces to attack and annihilate MacArthur's exposed troops.

In all, the Japanese strategy was a brilliant response to an invasion. Perhaps at no other time in MacArthur's offensive campaigns was so much at stake, and the odds so heavily against him. A series of unfortunate and untimely errors by Admiral Halsey's task force nearly cost MacArthur a smothering defeat.

The Japanese decoy fleet approached the archipelago from the northeast, before turning toward home as planned. This tactic worked to the extent that Halsey took the bait, and in giving chase, left Kincaid's uncomfortably small naval force to defend the landing zones.

However, Halsey's carrier-based aviators were able to inflict serious losses on the Northern fleet, while naval and air attacks on Japan's Center Force and Southern Force also caused massive damage there. Inexplicably, the formidable remains of the Center Force broke off their attack on Kincaid's fleet off Leyte at a critical moment, believing incorrectly that they lacked sufficient remaining strength to achieve their objective.

Halsey's fleet consisting of aircraft carriers, cruisers, and destroyers was not yet in a position to offer sufficient protection for Kincaid or, for that matter, for MacArthur's invasion force. The fact that the Japanese broke off their attack while the Allied naval and ground forces were most vulnerable was nothing short of a miracle, and barely avoided a disaster for MacArthur.

But the results for the Japanese were far worse, and had a lasting effect on their future ability to wage a massive integrated attack, far from their home waters. In the Battle for Leyte Gulf, and in the space of less than five days, the Japanese lost four carriers, three battleships, ten cruisers, and nine destroyers. The United States toll was one fleet carrier, two smaller carriers, and three destroyers.

And more surprises lay ahead for MacArthur as his ground units prepared to break out from their beachheads. Unrelenting rain bogged down his troops in mud and severely diminished the capability of his newly captured airfields on Leyte to handle his land-based planes. The re-supplied Japanese armies, now about 70,000 strong on Leyte, fought vigorously, inflicted heavy casualties on General Walter Krueger's forces, and succeeded in slowing down MacArthur's progress appreciably.

It was not until mid-December 1944 that the Japanese resistance on Leyte effectively had been neutralized, although fighting continued there until the following April. MacArthur, ever the strategist, had devised and was now prepared to boldly execute the next step in his grand design for liberating the Philippines, the invasion of Mindoro and Luzon.



Six coins representing the countries contributing troops to the invasion were melted down to produce MacArthur's five-star collar insignia only days after the Leyte operation began.

MacArthur was sure that many more amphibious landings, naval battles, and air attacks lay ahead before reaching his goal of eradicating the Japanese from the Philippines, and of course he was right. The first fruits of his all-out professional and personal commitments came to MacArthur in early December when he was awarded a fifth star, and appointed to the newly created rank of General of the Army.

The announcement of MacArthur's promotion may have caught the General and his staff off-guard, giving the Leyte campaign a rather unique numismatic angle. A crafts-

man from Tacloban was commissioned to manufacture the new five-star insignia for MacArthur's uniform. The metal for the insignia was derived from coins representing each of the nations that had committed troops to his command, namely the United States, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, and Netherlands East Indies.

Although no precise details have been located to identify the actual coins melted down to make the General's insignia, the illustration appearing here provides an idea what the coins may have looked like. They include a United States 1940S Liberty Walking half dollar, a Philippines 1944S fifty centavos, an Australian 1942S florin (two shillings), a Netherlands 1931 one guilder, all in silver, and a Dutch East Indies 1920 two-and-a-half cents and New Zealand 1941 one penny, both in bronze.

MacArthur's aides pinned the five stars on his collar in an impromptu ceremony at his headquarters not far from the beaches where his soldiers only days earlier had achieved their first toehold back in the Philippines.

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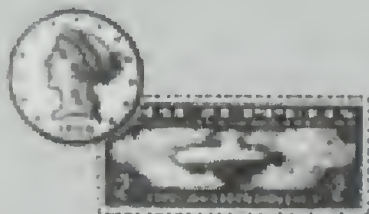
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Interstate Taxes And Other Facts You Didn't Want To Know

by Diane Piret

Once upon a time, there was a Missouri state legislator who woke up one morning and said “I think numismatic coins and precious metals should be exempted from sales taxes.” He called a local coin dealer and asked him if he thought that was a good idea. The dealer said “yes.” So the legislator badgered his colleagues in the state legislature, and an exemption bill was passed into law. And this is why Central States and other organizations are able to have shows in St. Louis again.

Just in case the “once upon a time” intro didn’t make the point, this scenario is pure fantasy. I have never heard of a state legislature offering the exemption. This is just ONE reason why we need to have an organization such as ICTA (Industry Council for Tangible Assets).

What is NOT fantasy is that having the sales tax exemption in Missouri HAS allowed Central States and others to once again hold shows in that state. If you look at the schedule, currently Central States now plans to hold its convention in St. Louis in 2003, 2005, and again in 2007. The New Silver Dollar Show was recently held in St. Louis also—a new show that would not have been held if coins and precious metals were still taxed.

ICTA works with in-state dealers and collectors, and it takes a lot of hard work to achieve a sales tax exemption on coins and precious metals. Ask Central States area dealers and collectors (in no particular order) Pat Heller, Jonathan Abbott, Tom Noe, Allan Beegle, Jerry Morgan, Jay Woodside, Johnny Woodside, Brian Fanton & Chris Seuntjens (keep working, guys!), Rob Dunlap (ditto, Rob), Gary Adkins (maybe when Ventura retires!) [I apologize to anyone I accidentally left out from the Central States region.] And also ask those who worked on these (and are continuing to work) in the many other states on the East, West and Gulf coasts!

ICTA doesn’t just help in-state dealers and collectors achieve sales tax exemptions. Sometimes there are other state or federal regulations that we become involved with. For example, the California state tax situation had become so burdensome that many non-California based dealers were refusing to attend shows held there. A few years ago, that was why the ANA moved its mid-year convention to Tucson, AZ from California only a short time before the show. It took some time (legislation almost always does), but we finally got the sales tax nexus laws changed so that now even the ANA is able to return to California. Also, we are hopeful that we won’t see this same problem arise in other states since we now have this important California precedent. And if it does come up elsewhere, we do have this precedent to help bolster our case.

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ers and collectors alike.) Some of the recent issues have been:

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*FAA—we are still working with the FAA (Transportation Safety Administration) to minimize exposure to theft and other risks at the security checkpoints.

*IRS & Treasury – Cash Reporting regulations are already a serious issue, and there will be additions to those regulations soon because of certain provisions of the US Patriot Act (which was passed into law by Congress last year after the terrorist attacks.)

Many collectors don't think these laws concern them—except when they are told that their transaction will require reporting to the IRS. Some still refuse to understand that trying to avoid this reporting—whether you're a dealer OR a collector—is a felony! The penalties for non-compliance with these regulations are very severe. ICTA has created a kit for member dealers as well as a kit geared to the non-dealer for understanding of and compliance with these regulations.

We also met with officials from US Treasury last April (right after the Central States' Show in Columbus) regarding the new changes in the laws. We're still awaiting the proposed new regulations, but it is clear from recent announcements from Treasury that our concerns were heard and are being considered as the new regs are being written. Most dealers know that these regulations are a very serious matter. If you're a collector who doesn't think this is of importance to you, remember—it is YOUR name that goes on the form the dealer fills out!

*US Congress –ICTA was able to expand the number of precious metals products that citizens can put in their IRA or other self-directed pension plan as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Previously, only the American Eagles were allowed. We are still working with US legislators and CERT to expand this to include rare coins as well. Whether you want to put coins in your retirement plan or not—shouldn't you have the choice?

*FTC – The FTC is currently considering adding certain provisions to their Telemarketing Rule regarding a national “Do Not Call” list. Although we all have a certain idea of what an annoying telemarketer is, the way government writes regulations on telemarketing could mean that your favorite dealer may not be allowed to call you to let you know that he has located some of the coins you had on your want list. We are working with the FTC to ensure that the definition of telemarketing isn't so broad that normal use of the telephone is not unduly restricted. Penalties are severe—\$10,000 per violation!

*US Congress & The States – The Internet has changed so many aspects of our lives, and now the states (all of them!) are using the “borderless” aspect of cyber-commerce to try to get Congress to give them the power to force all businesses to collect sales taxes across state lines.

The power they seek will not be limited to Internet transactions. The states want to be able to force merchants across the country to collect their sales taxes

on all Internet, telephone and mail order transactions. The states are working very hard to come up with a simplified taxing plan (one state, one rate sort of thing) because there are those in Congress who have told them that they will seriously consider giving them that taxing power if they are able to come up with a simplified and uniform plan.

Make no mistake—the incentive to do this is huge for the states. They have been trying to get this power for decades! In a 1992 landmark case heard by the US Supreme Court (*Quill v. North Dakota*), although the justices found in favor of *Quill*, they did add comments that Congress has the power to change all this.

ICTA will be working hard in conjunction with other organizations to try to defeat any legislation that would grant this power to the states. However, since this is such a huge issue (we're talking about changing the way this country has done business for over 200 years!), we recognize that there are some very strong forces in favor of this taxation change. At every stage of this, ICTA is prepared to fight very hard to maintain all the state sales tax exemptions we have achieved (currently there are 26 states that have some form of sales tax exemption on numismatics and precious metals.) The moratorium on Internet taxes expires late in 2003—LESS THAN ONE YEAR FROM NOW. We expect major battles on both sides of the issue will be commencing soon, and we may be asking you to write your members of Congress on this.

These are among the most pressing issues, but certainly not all of what ICTA does. I hope this gives you a little better idea about what ICTA's function is and why it is so important to have dealers and collectors as members. ICTA is funded solely by membership dues and donations (thank you, Central States, for all your support!). For additional information about ICTA, membership and the issues, check our website at www.ictaonline.org or call us at 504-392-0023 or 410-626-7005.

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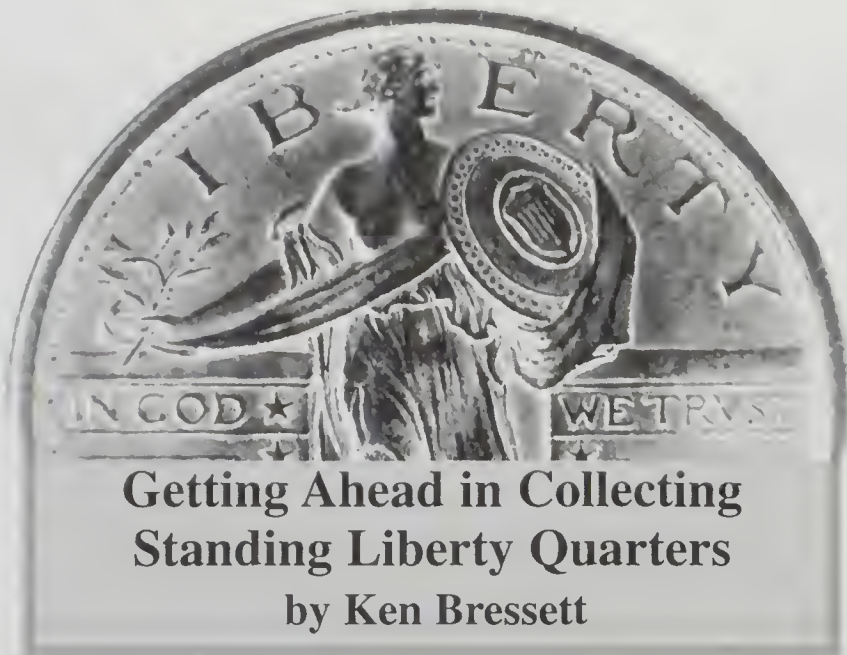
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Getting Ahead in Collecting Standing Liberty Quarters

by Ken Bressett

If you have been looking for a new collecting challenge, look no further. You can expend just about all the effort you can handle in putting together a choice set of Standing Liberty quarters.

If an ordinary set of uncirculated pieces is not challenging enough for you, then you can consider trying to find pieces that are so well struck that Liberty's head is full and bold.

Oh, sure, you have seen plenty of nice looking Standing Liberty quarters, and perhaps never particularly noticed whether they had a "full head" or not. Any brilliant uncirculated quarter of this type is a beautiful coin, so what's the big deal about her head? And how can you tell the difference?

In analyzing these coins you must first consider that these are not modern shallow-struck pieces. They were made in much higher relief and it was difficult to bring up the design and show all of the coin's beautiful features.

It is for this reason that many people find these to be some of the most difficult of all United States coins to grade. A distinction must be made between what should show on a purely uncirculated coin, and what might be missing because the coin was weakly struck.

Areas that are most usually missing fine line details are Liberty's head, breast, knee and shield, as well as the eagle's breast and wings. If a coin has all of its original brilliance and luster it can qualify as choice uncirculated even though some of these features are weak or missing, but it takes a good eye to tell the difference between a weak strike and wear.

For the connoisseur, finding a perfect coin with a full head is the ultimate goal. Such coins are few and far between. And authenticating them is equally challenging, but owning one or a collection of full head quarters is rewarding in many ways. Those gems are worth multiples of the value of ordinary Standing quarters, and they are high on the want list of many collectors.

Some dates probably do not exist as full head coins, and nobody knows exactly how many there are of any given date or mint.

If you have the opportunity to buy a full head quarter, here is what you should expect to see for it to qualify for the exalted position and price that it will command: Type One coins (1916-1917) must have well defined details in the hair; a

complete hairline along the face; a visible eyebrow; and a rounded cheek. Type Two coins (1917-1930) are even harder to find. Those coins must show three well-defined leaves in the hair; complete hairline along brow and across the face; and a small indentation at the ear.

Most of the Type One coins show better details in the head than are seen on Type Two coins. For that reason some people mistake the stronger design to be a full head, but that is not the case. It is simply a slightly different design that has more details whether it is uncirculated or not.

Do not be discouraged if you can not find full head pieces for your collection, they are truly rare. Fortunately all of the coins in this series are beautiful in any grade and worthy of a place of honor in every set of American coins.

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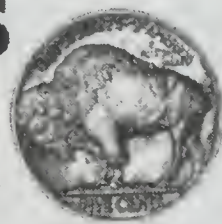


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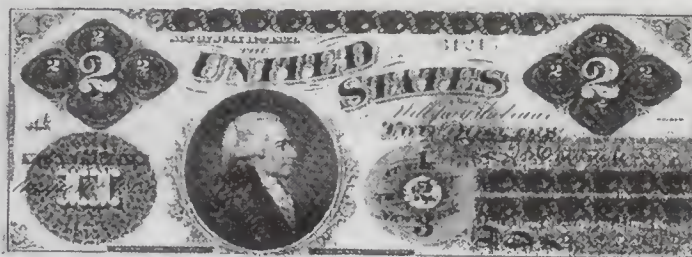
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Bill Brandimore, 1009 Nina, Wausau, WI 54401. Current CSNS governor. Will speak on general paper money articles.

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Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201, phone 414-421-3498. Past president of CSNS and major show organizer. Program on U.S. paper money, including national bank notes, fractional currency, large size notes and obsolete currency.

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Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947, phone 574-753-2489. Current Secretary/Treasurer of CSNS and past president of Indianapolis Coin Club. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Ray Lockwood, 2075 E. Bocock Road, Marion, IN 46952, phone 765-664-6520. Past President of CSNS and of Indiana State Numismatic Association. Programs on bimetallic coins, "birth-year" collecting and topics of interest to young numismatists.

Marvin Mericle, P.O. Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Current CSNS Vice President. Will speak on Military Payment Certificates and general paper money topics.

Harry Tileston, 901 Farmingham Road, Louisville, KY 40242, phone 502-244-2555. President of CSNS. Past president of Kentucky State Numismatic Association. Programs on U.S. type collecting, U.S. token collecting and foreign coins.

John/Nancy Wilson, 9353 SW 92nd Place Road, Ocala, FL 34481-6502, phone 352-291-0775, fax 352-291-0766. President of the ANA and past president of CSNS (John), former ANA governor (Nancy). Programs on past ANA conventions, paper money and exhibiting and judging.

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The urge to collect takes hold very early in life. Kids treasure their box of marbles, rocks and bottle caps, as well as pennies and now the state quarters.

Their shoe-box full of items eventually gives way to coins stored in books or more expensive albums . . . or thimbles or Santas, teapots or sundries that catch their fancy. For many, collections are the byproducts of impulsive behavior; collections become accumulations and display space can become a problem.

In a recent Wisconsin State Journal article, anthropologist Margie Akin identified the following 5 main reasons why people collect:

1. To satisfy a sense of personal aesthetics. People collect things they find appealing, visually or otherwise.

2. For a sense of control or completion. For young people, collecting rocks or bottle caps gives them a sense of control over their universe. For adults, the act of finishing something is profoundly satisfying.

3. To make a connection with the past. Items from "home country" connect people to their ancestors. Coins from ancient Rome make history come alive.

4. The thrill of the chase gives people an excuse to buy that demitasse spoon to prove they were in the Virgin Islands.

5. For investment or profit, the least important motivation, but one that people often use as a justification. Collectors continue to acquire favorite items even if a market is fluctuating and violates common investment strategies.

So there! Now you know!

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Changes for '03 Panda Coins

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In addition, there is another dramatic change that is not quite so apparent on the new silver and gold Pandas. They have *diagonally* reeded edges, in stark contrast to the vertical striation used previously.



One of the lovable endangered Pandas is shown surrounded by its favorite food — bamboo. The reverse features the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the largest architectural complex extant in China.

The 2003 Pandas are available in one-ounce .999 silver for \$17.95. Gold versions are available in standard sizes of 1/20 oz. at \$40 through 2 oz. at \$240. A one-ounce gold piece is also offered.

For complete pricing and ordering information, collectors may call PandaAmerica at 800-472-6327 or write to 3460 Torrance Blvd., Suite 100, Torrance CA 90503.

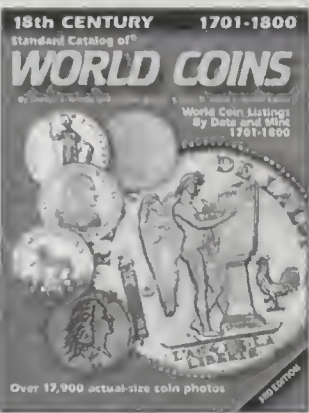
New Editions of Old Standards

Collectors of foreign coins will welcome the expanded coverage presented in the third edition of *Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1701-1800*, which offers concise listings of minors and fractional issues, which have been generally available in out-of-print, difficult to locate, non-English references.

Contained in the new edition is a wealth of data for early China, the German States and the Holy Roman Empire, Transylvania, the Papal States, France, Spain, India, Turkey and dozens of other countries.

New to this edition are extensive revisions for German States, Scandinavian and Swiss Canton issues, Korean cash coins and Morocco, Tibet and many Spanish-speaking countries. To facilitate the easy identification and attribution of

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Standard Catalog of World Coins, 1701-1800, Third Edition, is part of a four-volume set chronicling world coins from 1601 through the dawn of the 21st century.

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Rag pickers will welcome the 21st edition of the *Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money*, a comprehensive reference devoted entirely to U. S. currency. Collectors can identify and price all known U. S. notes printed since 1813, a total of more than 6,000.

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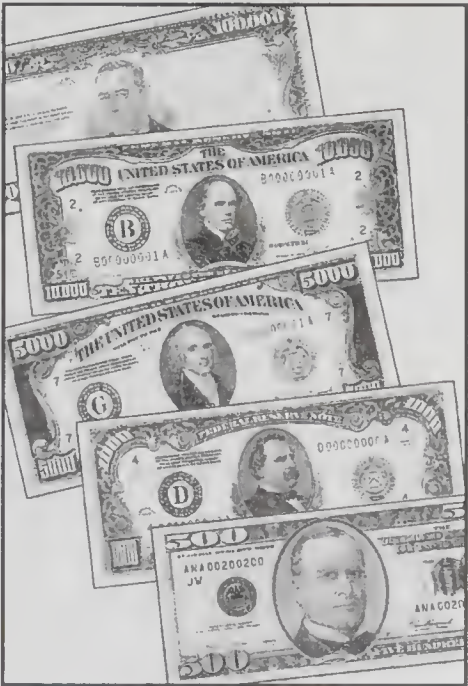
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Florida artist, Tim Prusmack, has added new hand-crafted currency reproductions to his continuing series of “money masterpieces.”

Prusmack’s latest creations, called his Hi-Five Prestige Edition, features likenesses of America’s five highest value notes ranging from the current \$500 note featuring McKinley through the \$100,000 picturing Wilson.

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Priced at \$100 for the current five-piece set, collectors may contact Prusmack at 4321 Gator Trace Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34982-6806, by phone at 772-464-6391, or by email: TPrusmack@aol.com.



Club News

Chicago Club Updates E-mail List

It has been nearly a year since the Chicago Coin Club's automated and unmoderated email list was discontinued.

Recently past president Carl Wolf took it upon himself to reactivate the list as a manually operated list. Using feedback from previous list users and advice from club members Bill Burd and Paul Hybert, the club's list is back in a new form.

Writing in a recent issue of the club's monthly bulletin, Chatter, Wolf commented that club members have a variety of Ethernet and email capabilities, so three email groups (options) are being offered. Each group is distinguished by the amount of traffic, and members are asked to select from the following:

Group #1 — Important club notices that cannot wait until the next Chatter is published. These will not contain pictures or large items. Perfect for receiving email at work or if you have a slow dial-up connection.

Group #2 — All Group #1 emails, plus the requests for assistance normally received, such as "How can I get more information on..." and "What do I have and what is it worth?" These may contain images and may be quite large.

Group #3 — All Group #2 emails, plus everything else received if related to numismatics such as ANA and ANS press releases, lists of items for sale, promotion of numismatic web sites, and more. (Selecting this group could result in large emails and some duplication if the members already check web sites, read newsgroups or are on other email lists.)

Chicago club members may secure more information from Wolf at his email address: carlwolfco@msn.com.

IKO-TAMS To Catalog KY Tokens

An effort within the membership of Indiana, Kentucky & Ohio Token and Medal Society has members coming together to catalog Kentucky trade tokens. The IKO-TAMS Bulletin requests that all members assist in putting a book together by providing lists of their Kentucky trade tokens.

Individuals wishing to assist should contact E. J. Windhurst, 631-A E. Paradise St., Orrville, OH 44667-2233.

Show Calendar

The "Coin Show Calendar" is a regular feature of each issue of The Centinel and is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their future show attendance and to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts.

Show Officials: Send complete information regarding your coming event to The Centinel well in advance - 6 to 18 months - and include dates, official name, sponsoring club name, location and address, and contact person's name, mailing and/or E-mail address, and telephone/fax number to the Editor, P.O. Box 296, Iola, WI 54945.

Rosemont, IL-Feb.20-23

Ninth Annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition, Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 No. River Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Racine, WI — Feb. 23

Racine Numismatic Society's 65th Annual Coin & Collectible Show, South Hills Country Club, 3047 Hwy. 94 (east side of frontage road), Franksville. Jerry Binsfeld. 262-657-4653 days; 262-654-6272 evenings.

Joliet, IL — Mar. 9

Will County Coin Club's 44th Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn Express, 411 So. Larkin Ave. (IL Rt. 7 & I-80 interchange). Richard J. Hlavacik. 815-463-9480. Email: richjh@excite.com.

Countryside, IL — Mar. 9

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Brooklyn Center, MN - Mar. 14-16

Northwest Coin Club's 69th Annual Show, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Lee Quast, Box 1301, High Ridge, Mo 63049. 314-276-1162.

Indianapolis, IN — Mar. 16

Indianapolis Coin Club Coin Show, Ramada Inn, So. US 31 & Thompson Rd., just south of I-465. Information: The Coin Index. 317-885-8066.

Kent, OH — Mar. 16

Annual Spring Coin Club Show, VFW Hall, 500 Tallmadge Ave. Karen Watson, 2245 Tallmadge Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266. 330-678-4754.

Waukesha, WI - Mar. 16

Waukesha Coin Club's 35th Annual Coin Show, Waukesha Elks Lodge. Tom Snyder, W.C.C., P.O. Box 1122, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Charlotte, NC - Mar. 21-23

American Numismatic Association's National Money Show, Charlotte Convention Center, 501 So. College St. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

Springfield, IL — Mar. 23

Central Illinois Numismatic Association's annual Spring Coin Show, Northfield Center 1, 3210 Northfield Drive. Steve Butler, 1712 So. First St., Springfield, IL 62704. 217-528-7634.

Omaha, NE — Mar. 29-30

Nebraska Numismatic Association's 48th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn, Ford Hall. I-80 & 72nd St. Steven C. Drake, P. O. Box 82, Omaha, NE 68101. 402-571-5421.

Gurnee, IL — Mar. 30

Lake Cty. Coin Club Show, Warren Township High School, 500 No. O'Plaine Rd. Leslie Hannula, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL 60085. 847-662-1955.

Madison, WI — Mar. 30

Madison Coin Club's 71st Annual Coin Show, Sheraton Hotel, 706 John Nolen Dr. John Foellmi, 5421 Camden Rd., Madison, WI 53716. 608-221-6670.

Milwaukee, WI - Apr.3-5

South Shore Coin Club's 39th Annual/Numismatists of Wisconsin's 43rd Anniversary Show, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 4747 So. Howell Ave. Annette Tramte, 2368 So. 59th St., WestAllis, WI 53219. 414-541-7028.

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Milan (Quad Cities), IL — Apr. 6

Quad City Annual Spring Coin Show, Milan
Community Center, Camden Park, Rt. 67. John
Brixey. 309-788-8726.

Sheboygan, WI — Apr. 12

Sheboygan Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show,
National Guard Armory, 516 Broughton Dr.
Edwin Rautmann, P. O. Box 907, Sheboygan,
WI 53082. 920-452-6359.

Countryside, IL — Apr. 13

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park
Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet
Road. Kevin Wasmer.
630-969-8547.

Lincoln, NE — Apr. 13

Lincoln Coin Club's Annual Coin, Token &
Paper Money Show, Airport Ramada Inn, I-80
& Airport exit. David Willsie, P. O. Box 6711,
Lincoln, NE 68506. 402-483-2868.

Rosemont, IL - Apr. 24-27

28th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair,

Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 No. River Rd.

Contact: Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573,
Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Tukwila, WA — Apr. 25-27

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's
54th Annual Convention & Coin Show,
Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Ave. So.,
Tukwila, WA (I-5, exit 156). Scott Loos, P. O.
Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045.
425-831-8789.

Watertown, SD -Apr. 26-27

South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association's
52nd annual convention, Ramkota Inn &
Convention Center, 1901 - 9th Ave. SW. John
Jackson, 901 So. Cecelia, Sioux City,
IA 51106. 712-274-9195.

Wausau, WI — Apr. 27

Wisconsin Valley Coin Show, Park Inn Hotel,
2101 No. Mountain Rd. (Hwy. 51/NN exit).
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Wooster, OH — May 4

Wayne County Coin Club's 51st Coin Show, High School Commons, 515 Oldman Rd. Zody Miller, 140 Miller Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

Green Bay, WI — May 4

Nicolet Coin Club Annual Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Comfort Suites/Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St. Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, WI 54313. 920-499-7035.

Monroeville, PA - May 9-11

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Spring Show, Pittsburgh Expomart Rt.22 (EZ off Exit 6 PA Turnpike). John Paul Sarosi. 814-535-5766.

Countryside, IL — May 11

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Oskaloosa, IA — May 17

Oskaloosa Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, Penn Central Mall (downtown). Harley Fenton, 1402 9th Ave. W., Oskaloosa, IA 52577. 641-673-9797.

Rice Lake, WI — Jun. 8

Barron County Coin Club Annual Show, Cedar Mall, 2900 So. Main St. Sue Peterson, 119 E. Freeman St., Rice Lake, WI 54868.

Countryside, IL — June 8

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Hiawatha, IA — June 15

5th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Community Center, 80 No. Center Point Rd. Brian E. Fanton, P. O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233. 319-294-4377.

Rosemont, IL - Jun. 26-29

22nd Annual MidAmerica Coin Expo, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Countryside, IL — July 13

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Windsor, Ontario, Canada - Jul. 17-20

Canadian Numismatic Association's 50th Annual Convention (hosted by Windsor Coin Club), Cleary International Center, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Tom Clarke, 519-735-0727. Email: mclarke@wincom.net.

Baltimore, MD - Jul. 30-Aug. 3

American Numismatic Association's 112th Anniversary Convention. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

Countryside, IL — Aug. 10

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

Baraboo, WI — Aug. 17

Baraboo Area Coin Club's Annual Summer Show, Sauk County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 33. Jerry Powers, P. O. Box 302, Baraboo, WI 53913. 608-355-1977

Fond du Lac, WI — Aug. 24

Fond du Lac Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, American Legion Clubhouse, 500 Fond du Lac Ave. Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. 920-231-6161.

Dublin, OH — Aug. 29-31

5th Annual Ohio State Coin Show, Wyndham Hotel, 600 Metro Place No. Evan Brill, PMB 182, 4719 Reed Rd., Columbus, OH 43220. 614-451-5055.

Countryside, IL — Sept. 5-7

Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Show hosted by West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd. Kermit Wasmer, 325 Coney Ave., Watseka, IL 60970. 815-432-4636.

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Rockford, IL — Sept. 21

Rockford Area Coin Club Fall Show, Hoffman House and Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State St. (route Bus. 20) & I-90 west. Larry Kasberger, P. O. Box 1122, Belvidere, IL 61008. 608-379-3254. E-mail: kman848@aol.com.

Cincinnati, OH — Sept. 26-28

20th Annual Numismatic Expo, Sharonville Convention Center, I-75 Exit 15. Paul Padgett, 7641 Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143.

Hiawatha, IA — Sept. 28

6th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Community Center, 80 No. Center Point Rd. Brian E. Fanton, P. O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233. 319-294-4377.

Salina, KS — Oct. 3-4

Salina Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show, VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford. Joe Ayotte, Box 1111, Salina, KS 67402. 785-825-0706.

Countryside, IL — Oct. 12

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Rochester, MN — Oct. 12

Rochester Coin Club's Fall Southern MN Coin & Stamp Show, Comfort Inn, 1625 So. Broadway. Jerry Swanson, P. O. Box 565. Rochester, MN 55903. 507-289-5099.

St. Louis, MO — Oct. 15-18

The New Silver Dollar Show, America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza. Fred Oliver, P. O. Box 6028, Brandon, FL 33508-6028. Phone: 813-416-6131; Fax: 813-654-4495.

Lenexa, KS — Oct. 18-19

Johnson County Numismatic Society's 35th Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Show, Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. Mark

McWherter, 1107 E. Northview St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-649-7070 (work) or 913-764-0386 (home).

Kent, OH — Oct. 19

Annual Fall Coin Club Show, VFW Hall, 500 Tallmadge Ave. Karen Watson, 2245 Tallmadge, Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266. 330-678-4754.

Monroeville, PA — Oct. 24-26

Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Fall Show, Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (EZ off Exit 6 PA Turnpike). John Paul Sarosi. 814-535-5766.

Indianapolis, IN — Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Indiana State Numismatic Association's 45th annual convention, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Bourse: Joyce Fischer, P. O. Box 2624, Anderson, IN 46018. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@home.com.

Brooklyn Center, MN — Oct. 31-Nov. 2

Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON) 41st Annual Convention, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Jay Darby, 3628 - 6th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. 507-289-5280.

Countryside, IL — Nov. 9

West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

St. Louis, MO — Nov. 20-23

Annual National & World Paper Money Convention, Hilton Hotel-Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Countryside, IL — Dec. 14

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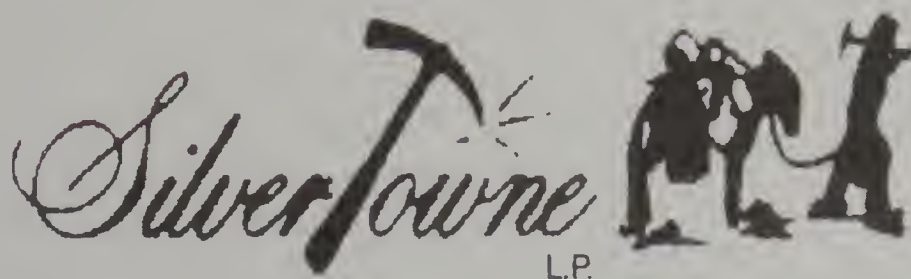
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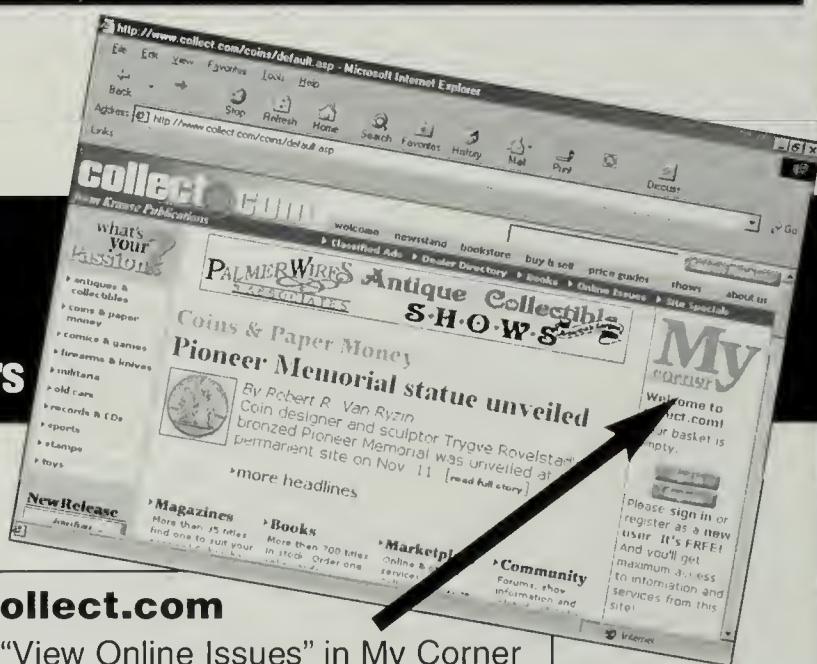
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